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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE WASHINGTON POST

ROBERT KAISER AND PETER OSNOS COVER THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW, WHICH THEY DESCRIBE AS SUBSTANTIALLY WARMER THAN 1972. THEY NOTE HIS EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIM AND MR. BREZHNEV. THE SOVIETS APPEARED ANXIOUS TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUITY OF STATE RELATIONSHIPS BY THE WARMTH OF THE AIRPORT RECEPTION BY ALL THREE LEADERS. BUT BREZHNEV AVOIDED TALK OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS AT THE BANQUET AND MADE HIS REMARKS FOR FURTHER PROGRESS OPTIMISTIC BUT VAGUE. FEW DETAILS OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS ARE AVAILABLE TO REPORTERS, ALTHOUGH TIME FOR NEGOTIATIONS IS MIXED WITH CEREMONIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AVOIDING TALKS. (A-1)

MURREY MARDER SAYS YOU HAVE PUBLICLY DEVELOPED THE APPROACH THAT THE CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND THE U.S. ON THE POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISING ON MIRVS ARE NARROWER THAN THEY SEEM. THE SOVIETS HAD PROPOSED IN MARCH TO ALLOW THE U.S. A SUPERIORITY IN NUMBERS OF MIRVED MISSILES IF THE SOVIETS RETAINED A LARGER NUMBER OF ICBMS, BUT THE DIFFERENCE WAS NOT GREAT ENOUGH. MARDER NOTES YOUR REMARKS IN BRUSSELS ABOUT THE ALLEGED LOOPHOLE IN 1972 AND THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISIONS ON WHETHER A FUNDAMENTAL DEBATE IS IN EVITABLE. AN ATTEMPT IS THUS BEING MADE TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR NEGOTIATING A SUBSEQUENT ACCORD TO LIMIT MIRVS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COUCHED IN SUCH GENERALIZED TERMS THAT IT WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ATTACK BY PRESIDENTIAL CRITICS IN THE CONGRESS. (A-1)

AP QUOTES AMBASSADOR HODGSON AS SAYING THE PRESIDENT CLEARLY INTENDS TO VISIT JAPAN THIS YEAR, ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DATE HAS BEEN SET. (A-4)

BERNARD NOSSITER ANTICIPATES ANOTHER ELECTION IN BRITAIN IN LATE

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SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER. HE FORESEES NO CLEAR MAJORITY FOR
TORIES OR LABOR, HOWEVER. (A-6)

MARILYN BERGER CONTENDS THAT THE CHARGES AND DENIALS ABOUT THE
SALT AGREEMENT TELL LESS ABOUT THE EFFECTS ON SECURITY THAN THEY
DO ABOUT YOUR STYLE OF DIPLOMACY. (THE FULL TEXT IS BEING SENT
SEPARATELY AS TOHAK 45.) (A-9)

PHILIP MCCOMBS REPORTS THAT 11 OIL COMPANIES SIGNED OIL EXPLORA-
TION AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTH VIETNAM WEDNESDAY. DRILLING IS EX-
PECTED TO BEGIN BY AUGUST AND, IF SIGNIFICANT RESERVES ARE FOUND,
THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS WILL BE GREATLY INCREASED.
(A-15)

STEPHEN ROSENFELD TRACES THE RECORD OF SUMMIT MEETINGS FROM
KHRUSHCHEV AND EISENHOWER TO THE PRESENT. HE DOUBTS THE PATTERN
OF THE ARMS RACE CAN BE STOPPED BY THIS LATEST MEETING BECAUSE
BOTH LEADERS ARE CAUGHT UP BY A DETERMINATION TO ASSERT OR DE-
FEND THEIR NATION'S POSITIONS IN THE WORLD. (A-30)

JOSEPH ALSOP CONTENDS THAT UNLESS GREAT AND URGENT EFFORTS ARE
MADE, THE WHOLE STRATEGIC BALANCE WILL BE ALMOST FATALLY OUT OF
WHACK, IN THE SOVIETS' FAVOR, BY 1980. THE POINT IS THAT YOU
ARE PROFOUNDLY ALARMED ABOUT THE SHORT TERM IN YOUR AREA OF RE-
SPONSIBILITY, WHEREAS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER IS CONCERNED ABOUT
THE LONGER TERM IN HIS AREA. BEING A SENSIBLE MAN, YOU BELIEVE
IT IS INTENSELY DANGEROUS FOR A U.S. GOVERNMENT ENFEERLED BY
WATERGATE TO CONFRONT A WORLD SITUATION PRICKLING WITH MORE
DANGERS THAN THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY. SO, YOU BELIEVE THAT A
KEY PART OF "GETTING AROUND THE CORNER" WAS A SALT AGREEMENT
LOCKING THE SOVIETS INTO DETENTE. ALSOP SAYS MAYBE YOU SAW
TOO MANY SHORT TERM DANGERS AND IT IS CERTAINLY SCARY YOU FEEL
AS YOU DO. (A-31)

GEORGE WILL SAYS THE REACTOR GIVEN TO EGYPT WILL PRODUCE AN AMOUNT
OF ELECTRICITY THAT COULD BE EXCEEDED BY A 12 PERCENT INCREASED
OUTPUT IN THE ASWAN DAM AT LESS COST. FOSSIL FUEL GENERATORS
WOULD ALSO BE CHEAPER. IT IS TRANSPARENT NONSENSE THAT SAFE-
GUARDS WILL PREVENT THE REACTOR FROM SERVING EGYPT'S NUCLEAR
ASPIRATIONS. AS A LAST RESORT, THE EGYPTIANS CAN SEND THE U.S.
PACKING AND SIMPLY TAKE OVER THE REACTOR. THE REASON FOR THE
GIVING WAS THE HOPE THE SUPPLIER MIGHT GAIN SOME INFLUENCE
THROUGH THE GRATITUDE OF THE RECIPIENT. THE U.S. CANNOT PRE-
VENT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION AT THIS TIME, IN ANY EVENT. (A-31)

THE NEW YORK TIMES

JOHN HERBERS REPORTS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SECRETARY
BREZHNEV PLEDGED TO MAKE THEIR NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE NEXT FIVE
DAYS SERVE THE "STR

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REPORTEDLY SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S POLITICAL OPPONENTS IN THE U.S. IN ADDITION, THE GENERAL SECRETARY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD LIKE THE CONGRESS TO ENACT MR. NIXON'S TRADE LEGISLATION, WHICH WOULD END THE PRESENT DISCRIMINATORY TARIFFS ON SOVIET GOODS. (A-1)

IN PARIS, FRANCE AND IRAN SIGNED A MASSIVE TEN-YEAR, \$4 BILLION DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, IT INCLUDED A PROVISION FOR THE SALE TO IRAN OF FIVE 1,000-MEGAWATT NUCLEAR REACTORS WORTH \$1.1 BILLION. THE AGREEMENT WILL MAKE FRANCE IRAN'S PRINCIPAL INDUSTRIAL PARTNER AND IS EXPECTED GREATLY TO EASE FRANCE'S BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS PROBLEM, WHICH WAS PROVOKED BY SPIRALING OIL PRICES. IRAN, RATHER THAN SEEKING CREDITS, AGREED TO MAKE AN ADVANCE DEPOSIT OF \$1 BILLION IN THE BANK OF FRANCE AND TO PAY FOR THREE-QUARTERS OF THE NUCLEAR INSTALLATION COSTS IN FIVE YEARS. (A-1)

EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECHES BY MR. BREZHNEV AND MR. NIXON DURING A DINNER IN MOSCOW APPEAR ON PAGE A-2.

PRESIDENT SADAT FLEW TO ROMANIA FOR FOUR DAYS OF TALKS WITH CEAUDESCU, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A TWO-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO BULGARIA. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO RESTORE THE BALANCE OF EGYPTIAN FOREIGN POLICY AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, AND TO USE THE TWO EASTERN EUROPEAN CAPITALS AS CHANNELS TO PRESS SADAT'S INVITATION TO BREZHNEV TO VISIT CAIRO THIS FALL. (A-3)

ISRAEL'S CHIEF OF STAFF, MORDECHAI GUR, WARNED THAT LEBANON COULD BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED BATTLEFIELD IF THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALLOWED TO INSTALL MISSILE BATTERIES ON LEBANESE SOIL. GUR MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE ORDERING ATTACKS ON LEBANON UNLESS LEBANESE AUTHORITIES CURBED GUERRILLA ACTIVITY. (A-3)

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THE U.S. OPPOSES A CEREMONY TO END THE EUROPEAN SECURITY TALKS BECAUSE OF LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE CURRENT SESSION. THE MAJOR OBSTACLE TO PROGRESS HAS BEEN THE SOVIET UNION'S UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS ON THE NEED TO PERMIT EASIER FLOWS OF NEWS, IDEAS, AND PEOPLE ACROSS THE FRONTIERS. (A-3)

AVERELL HARRIMAN RECOUNTS A CONVERSATION WITH LEONID BREZHNEV ON JUNE 4 IN MOSCOW. MR. HARRIMAN STATES THAT BREZHNEV HAS CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESIDENT'S SINCERITY AND OBJECTIVITY, AND SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S HAND COULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE COMING FROM THE U.S. RATHER THAN SUSPICION. (A-31)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

ALFRED ATHERTON, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIAN AFFAIRS, TOLD A HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE YESTERDAY THAT THE U.S. AND IRAN ARE IN THE "ADVANCED STAGES" OF

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NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH THE AMERICANS WOULD EQUIP
IRAN WITH A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT. THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED
TO SIGN A PROVISIONAL CONTRACT "IN THE NEAR FUTURE" UNDER WHICH
THE U.S. WOULD SUPPLY IRAN WITH NUCLEAR FUEL.

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